

REMARKS

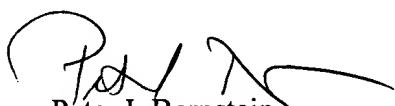
Claims 1-14 are pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 4 – 13 are allowable. Claims 1, 5 and 14 have been amended.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 – 3 and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as allegedly anticipated by WO 97/33858. This response addresses the Examiner's rejection. Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 – 3 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), as allegedly anticipated by Claims 1, 4, 7, and 9 – 11 of WO 97/33858, which disclose substituted 1-aminomethyl cyclohexyl acetic acids. Claims 1, 5, and 14, as amended, as well as Claims 2 and 3, which depend from Claim 1, now exclude such compounds from their scope. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is overcome and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Thus, in view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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